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## WASHINGTON STATE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION COMPLAINT FORM

(See instructions on the last page.)

### Description of Complaint

#### 1. RESPONDENT:

Identify who you are filing a complaint against and provide all contact information you have for them. Give names and titles, if any, for individuals, and the full name of any organization. Please note that the PDC does not enforce federal campaign finance laws or local ordinances.

*Example #1: Joe Public, Mayor of My Town,*

*123 Main Street, Your Town, State, Phone: 555-123-4567, Email: unknown*

*Example #2: The Political Action Group (instead of P.A.G.), 123 Main Street, Your Town, State,  
Phone: 555-123-4567, Email: pag@pag.org*

Renton for KCLS Now

#### 2. ALLEGED VIOLATIONS:

Explain how and when you believe the people/entities you are filing a complaint against violated RCW 42.17 or Title 390 WAC. Be as detailed as possible about dates, times, places and acts. If you can, cite which specific laws or rules you believe were violated. Attach additional pages if needed.

I've been working diligently as a member of the grassroots Vote No 'Till You Know  
organization; Save Renton Library campaign. Renton for KCLS Now is comprised of  
seasoned politicians and they've outspent us 4 to 1, yet my periodic checking on the PDC  
website doesn't bring up a detailed list of their expenditures. If I understand the process by  
reading RCW 42.17.080, because they elected to spend over \$5000 to influence the  
election, they needed to have expense information in to the PDC at 21 and 7 days before  
the election. It's been several weeks after the election and based on what I saw there hasn't  
been that transparency in their expenditures. Please see attached letter.

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Dear PDC,

I've been working diligently as a member of the grassroots Vote No 'Till You Know organization; Save Renton Library campaign. Renton for KCLS – our opponents - is comprised of seasoned politicians and they've outspent us almost 4 to 1. As I understand the processes by reading RCW 42.17.080, because they elected to spend over \$5000 in money to influence the election, they needed to have expense information into the PDC at 21 and 7 days before the election. It has been several weeks after the election, and based on what I saw by periodically checking on the PDC website there's been no transparency to their expenditures. The search system doesn't bring up the organization, Renton for KCLS Now, if you type it in the search field. Instead you have to know what type of entity it is, how it's filed (single election), etc. The system is cumbersome and hard to use if you don't know what to look for.

Because of this lack of transparency, our campaign was unable to counter their spending ability and massive mailers. For example, the 21 day filing would have given us warning about their mailer that was timed to arrive when mail-in ballots arrived. We could have countered that with hanging information on doors of our citizens, and we did so, but because we were only informed of the spending when their flyers arrived in the mail, our counter to such extensive spending and bulk mailing was greatly diminished.

I ask the PDC to find that the members of the Renton for KCLS were seasoned politicians and knew the PDC rules, that their behavior gave them an unfair advantage by hiding actions that were supposed to be transparent to us, and that those actions blunted our effectiveness and perhaps caused us to lose the election.

Thank you,

Mrs. M. B. Asher